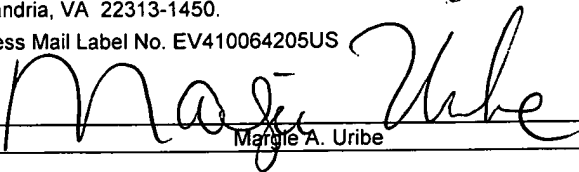


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the final rejection dated November 15, 2005, having a shortened three-month response period, and for which a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time were filed on February 16, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.